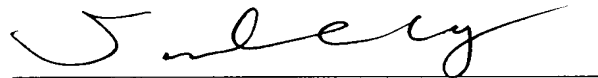


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank Examiner Gambetta for the telephone interview conducted on January 10, 2010 and for the suggestion to submit a Supplemental Amendment canceling Claim 9. Following the suggestion, Claim 9 is canceled in the present amendment. In view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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